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**ONE MAN SENTENCED FOR AND ANOTHER PLEADS GUILTY
TO REENTERING THE UNITED STATES AFTER BEING DEPORTED**

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – United States Attorney Tom Colantuono reports that 23-year-old Silverio Cordoza-Estrada was sentenced today to 18 months in federal prison for illegally reentering the United States after being deported to his home country of Mexico.

Cordoza-Estrada, who is also known as Lencho Olvera, formerly lived on Wilson Street in Manchester. He was deported from the United States on October 16, 2001. On or about May 27, 2003, he was found in Hudson, New Hampshire by agents of the Department of Homeland Security, Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement. On August 26, 2003, Cordoza-Estrada waived indictment and pled guilty to illegally reentering the United States.

In another criminal immigration case, 39-year-old Sergio Escobar-Mantafar, formerly of Lawrence, Massachusetts, pled guilty today to reentering the United States after being deported to his home country of Guatemala.

Escobar-Montafar has been deported from the United States twice – in January 1991 and again in March 1994. On or about September 18, 2003, he was found in Salem, New Hampshire by agents of the Department of Homeland Security, Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement. On October 9, 2003, he was indicted by a federal grand jury for illegally reentering the United States after being deported. A sentencing hearing was scheduled for March 17, 2004. Escobar-Montafar is facing a maximum prison sentence of 20 years and a maximum fine of \$250,000.

United States Attorney Tom Colantuono said, “These cases represent the United States Attorney’s Office continuing commitment to work with the Department of Homeland

Security, Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement to investigate and prosecute immigration crimes, in order to protect our borders.”

These cases were investigated by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement of the Department of Homeland Security and were prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Mark S. Zuckerman.